

HOUSE BILL 2996

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-211, relative to patient safety organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-211(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(c) "Patient safety organization" means any public or private organization, or component of any such organization, whose primary activity is to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery for patients receiving care through the collection, aggregation, analysis or processing of medical or health care related information submitted to it by a health care facility.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-211, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (i):

(i)

(1) Any private or public organization or a component of any private or public organization may apply to the department to be designated as a patient safety organization.

(2) The department may designate as a patient safety organization each applicant that:

(i) Has a mission statement indicating its primary purpose is to conduct activities to improve patient safety;

(ii) Has qualified staff and professionals capable of reviewing and producing patient safety work product;

(iii) Is not a component of a health insurer or other entity that provides health insurance to individuals or group health plans; and

(iv) Certifies that its mission does not create a conflict of interest with the health care facilities that will submit patient safety work product to it.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for rulemaking purposes but such rules shall not take effect until patient safety organizations are recognized by the United States department of health, the public welfare requiring it.